

Committee Agenda



Epping Forest District Council

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE **Thursday, 18th November, 2010**

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 7.30 pm

Democratic Services Officer: Philippa Sewell - Office of the Chief Executive
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Members:

Councillors J Philip (Chairman), D Stallan (Vice-Chairman), D Jacobs, C Whitbread and D Wixley

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose of Committee:

(a) To consider and make recommendations to the Council on:

(i) requests for community governance reviews and how and when they should be carried out;

(ii) any future Parliamentary and District reviews;

(iii) the outcome of such reviews;

(b) To be responsible for progressing such reviews, including conducting public consultation in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

(c) To keep under review the need for a larger membership of the Committee bearing in mind its future workload;

Conduct of Reviews

The Committee shall be authorised to agree the detailed arrangements for consulting local communities on such reviews subject to the policy and budget approved by the Council.

Policy Issues

The Committee shall if necessary consider and make recommendations to the Council on future policy to be adopted in regard to such reviews;

3. MORETON, BOBBINGWORTH AND THE LAVERS - COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (Pages 3 - 38)

To consider the attached report of the Assistant to the Chief Executive on the results of the first stage of consultation under this review, and the issues to which the Council must now respond.

4. PROPOSED COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - GREENSTED WARD (ONGAR TOWN COUNCIL)

To consider an oral update report on the proposal for a Community Governance Review, involving the transfer of the Greensted Parish Ward of Ongar Town Council to the Parish of Stanford Rivers.

5. PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY REVIEW (Pages 39 - 40)

To consider a report of the Assistant to the Chief Executive on the forthcoming review of Parliamentary Constituencies, and a possible extension of the terms of reference of this Committee to deal with that review.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To decide dates of future meetings.

Report to Community Governance Committee

Date of Meeting: 18 November 2010

Subject: Community Governance Review – Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers (MBL)

Officer Contact for Further Information: I Willett (01992 564243)

Committee Secretary: P Sewell (01992 564532)

Recommendation:

- (1) To consider the Council’s proposals for this Community Governance Review as a basis for further consultation:**
 - (a) the re-warding of The Lavers area;**
 - (b) the MBL/Matching Parish boundary in the area of Matching Green;**
 - (c) any other matters; and**
- (2) To seek further advice from the Local Government Boundary Commission on the consequential changes to Parliamentary Constituency, District Ward and County Electoral Division boundaries prior to the final recommendations being made to the Council.**

Report:

1. At the Council meeting on 30 June 2010 (Minute 32), it was decided to launch a Community Governance Review in respect of MBL Parish Council.
2. The reasons for launching the review were three-fold:
 - (a) to pursue the proposal of MBL Council for revised warding within the parishes so that the three wards of High Laver, Little Laver and Magdalen Laver could be combined in one new ward to be known as “The Lavers”;
 - (b) to achieve a closer alignment of the ratio of electors to Councillors between the five MBL parish wards; and
 - (c) to achieve savings in the cost of elections to the Parish Council by virtue of having only three wards.
- ... 3. A map of the MBL Parish Council area is set out in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 shows the comparative electoral ratios for the present five wards and the proposed three new wards.

Consultation

4. Community Governance Reviews are carried out under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The Act and supporting Government guidance requires that people affected by a review should be consulted on both the specific reasons for carrying out the review and any other community governance matters which they would like to take into account.

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5. Appendix 3 shows the consultation letter and attachments which was sent to all households in the three Lavers wards. As required by the legislation, a consultation letter was also sent to MBL Parish Council, Essex County Council and the Local District Ward Councillor. The Local Government Boundary Commission and Ordnance Survey were also notified that the review had commenced.
 6. A total of 310 letters to householders were sent out and 102 pro formas were returned. Those response forms have been checked against the electoral roll to ensure that they originate from The Lavers and not other parts of MBL Parish. The returns have all come from the area under review.

Results of Consultation

7. A summary of the responses is set out in Appendices 4 and 5 as follows:
 - (a) Appendix 4 shows the returns which were in support of the ward change (86); and
 - (b) Appendix 5 shows the returns which were not in support (16).
8. Respondents supported the argument of saving MBL's costs through the warding change and 11 commented specifically on the importance of improved electoral equality.

Other Matters Raised by Respondents

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9. A number of respondents raised the question of the boundary between MBL and Matching Parish in the area of Matching Green. A map showing the existing boundary is attached as Appendix 6. It will be seen that the boundary between Matching Green and High Laver/Little Laver wards effectively divides Matching Green village.
 10. Nine respondents who raised this issue felt that their interests could not be represented by MBL Parish Council. Three drew attention to their feeling that they could not vote on matters affecting the area in which they live. One consultee mentioned that electoral equality might be further improved if the review addressed the number of Councillors on MBL Parish Council representing The Lavers and that this figure could be reduced to seven without detriment.

The Matching/High and Little Laver Boundary

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11. Not only is the boundary shown on Appendix 6 a parish boundary but also it is a District Ward and County Electoral Division boundary, namely:

District:	Wards of Moreton & Fyfield and Hastingwood, Matching & Sheering Village.
County Council	Ongar & Rural and North Weald & Nazeing Divisions.
 12. This is also a Parliamentary Constituency boundary. Matching is part of the Harlow Constituency and The Lavers are within the Brentwood and Ongar Constituency. Any change to the parish boundary in this area would require the District Council to refer consequential changes to the County and District Council boundaries for consideration by the Local Government Boundary Commission. The latter, if satisfied as to the need for those changes, will make an order to change the District Wards and the County Electoral Divisions involved so that all shared a common boundary.

13. As the constituency boundary will be under review over the next two years, it is suggested that further advice is sought from the Commission on this.
14. Further clarification of the Local Government Boundary Commission's role is being sought and an oral report will be made at the meeting. It does appear that the Council may pursue a boundary change at parish level independently of the Commission. This might mean that different boundaries could apply in the location. This is a factor which the Council needs to take into account when making a final decision.
- ... 15. Appendix 7 shows a map prepared by the Clerk of Matching Parish Council. This represents an option for resolving the fact that Matching Green village is divided in two. The Committee will see that he proposes a boundary which diverts towards Goosebridge Cottage and encloses Matching Green by then joining the High Laver/Little Laver ward boundary in Watery Lane.
16. This suggestion has been passed to the Clerk of MBL Parish Council.
17. The area enclosed under the Clerk's proposal would have the effect of transferring 166 electors to Matching from High Laver ward. The new electorate totals for the two parishes would therefore be as follows:

	Present Electorate	Proposed (+/- Matching Green)	No of Councillors
MBL	1089	- 166 (923)	14
Matching	544	+ 166 (710)	7

18. Electoral ratios would also change if this change were made:

MBL (overall)	1:77.8	1:65.9	14
The Lavers			
- High	1:85	1:14	4
- Magdalen	1:91	1:91	2
- Little	1:35	1:35	2
Bobbingworth	1:72	1:72	3
Moreton	1:92	1:92	3
Matching	1:77.7	1:101.4	7

19. Matching and MBL parishes have comparable electorate ratios for their overall areas. However, in MBL there are significant variations across the five wards of this group. The combination of the three Laver wards would reduce this variation as follows:

	Electorate	Councillors	Ratio
High Laver)	595	8	1:74.37
Magdalen Laver)			
Little Laver)			

20. With a boundary change around Matching Green, the ratios would change to the following:

High Laver)			
Magdalen Laver)	429	8	1:53.6
Little Laver)			

21. Under Government guidance, the Council must take account of projected developments in the area in determining how to carry out a community governance review. With the help of the Directors of Planning and Economic Development and Housing, the following picture emerges for the period to 2015-16:

MBL (overall)	33 new housing units	(66 electors)
Matching	9 new housing units	(18 electors)

22. Of the MBL total, the seven units which will be located in High Laver, none are located in the transferred area.

Defining Boundaries

23. Size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish are linked to the principal criteria as identified in the 2007 Act, specifically in reference to community governance remaining effective. The general rule applied to parish size is that it is “based on an area which reflects community identity and interest and which is of a size which is viable as an administrative unit of local government”. There is wide variation between parish size and also council size, with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) considering each area on its own merits. The 1972 Act, as amended, specifies that though each parish council must have at least five councillors, there is no maximum limit.
24. The issue of boundary changes between parishes is one similarly detailed in 2010 Government guidelines. Boundaries should “reflect the ‘no-man’s land’ between communities represented by areas of low population or barriers such as rivers, roads or railways” (paragraph 83, pp25) being identifiable” and remaining so in the future (wherever possible).

Note on the Effect of the Boundary Change

25. The transfer of part of High Laver to Matching Parish will reduce the electorate by 166 voters. The remaining voters in that parish ward would, with four Parish Councillors, enjoy a ratio of one Councillor to 14 voters. This is a very low figure and brings into question the need for four Councillors in that ward.
26. Currently High Laver is divided into two polling districts (PD): West and East. Voters in East PD have voted in Matching Green School along with voters from Little Laver. Voters from the West PD vote in Magdalen Laver Village Hall which is in a separate ward.
27. The 166 voters who would transfer from High Laver East would then be voting in their own parish area. The remainder, who would not be within Matching, would still vote there, as would those from Little Laver. For those 57 voters in High Laver (East) a separate polling station would not be a practical proposition.

What action is now required of the District Council?

28. The 2007 guidance places a duty on the Council to “ensure that community governance within the area under review will be reflective of the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient”.
29. Where an existing parish is under review, the review must make one of the following recommendations:
- (a) that no alterations to the parish should be made and it should not be abolished;
 - (b) that the parish should be altered;
 - (c) that the parish should be abolished.

In addition, the name(s) of the parish should be recommended, as should whether the parish should continue to have a Council.

30. For governance reviews dealing with electoral matters (e.g., warding), this Council must determine:
- (a) whether the number of electors or their distribution makes a single election impracticable or inconvenient;
 - (b) whether it is desirable that any areas of a parish are separately represented.
31. The Council also has to have regard to the following in relation to assessing wards:
- (a) the number of local government electors in the parish;
 - (b) any change in the number or distribution of electors over the following five years;
 - (c) identifiable boundaries;
 - (d) any local ties which are broken by the fixing of any boundary.

Summary

32. The Committee needs to consider what should be included in the second stage of consultation under this review:

(a) The Lavers – Warding

Are the Committee persuaded that there is support for combining the three Lavers wards into a single new ward called “The Lavers”?

If so, should this be included as a firm proposal in the next stage?

(b) The Matching/Lavers Boundary

Are the Committee persuaded about the level of support for the proposed boundary change between The Lavers and Matching Parish, in the area of Matching Green?

Does this change pass the test of the criteria outlined in paragraphs 26-28 above?

If the answer to these questions is “yes” should this proposal be included in the further consultation?

Which revision to the boundary should be used for consultation purposes?

What is the effect of this change on the desirable number of Councillors in MBL?

Further Consultation

33. If the Council decides to pursue the boundary change, it is suggested that further consultation should be focused on the areas likely to be affected, namely, the three Lavers wards including the part of Matching Green which is in The Lavers area. At a later stage direct discussion with the two Parish Councils may be beneficial, before the Committee formulates its final recommendations.

Timing of Implementation of Proposals

34. Elections are due to be held in 2011 (Matching) and 2012 (MBL). There is sufficient time to make the internal warding changes in the latter so that these are included in the 2012 register, in time for the May elections.
35. For Matching, it is unlikely that any boundary change can be in place by the 2011 elections. This means that for both Parish Councils, the change could not take place in electoral terms until 2015/2016, unless the terms of office of Parish Councillors are terminated early and elections held earlier based on the new boundaries.
36. It remains a concern of the Returning Officer that there should be common boundaries for all elections in the Matching Green area so as to avoid confusion among voters.
37. These are issues which can be discussed in greater detail after the next stage.
- ... 38. The timetable for this review is set out in Appendix 8.

Financial Implication

Stage One Consultation Costs:

Printing consultation material	£299	
Postage	£ 71	
Pre-paid returns	£ 24	
Envelopes	£ 12	£306

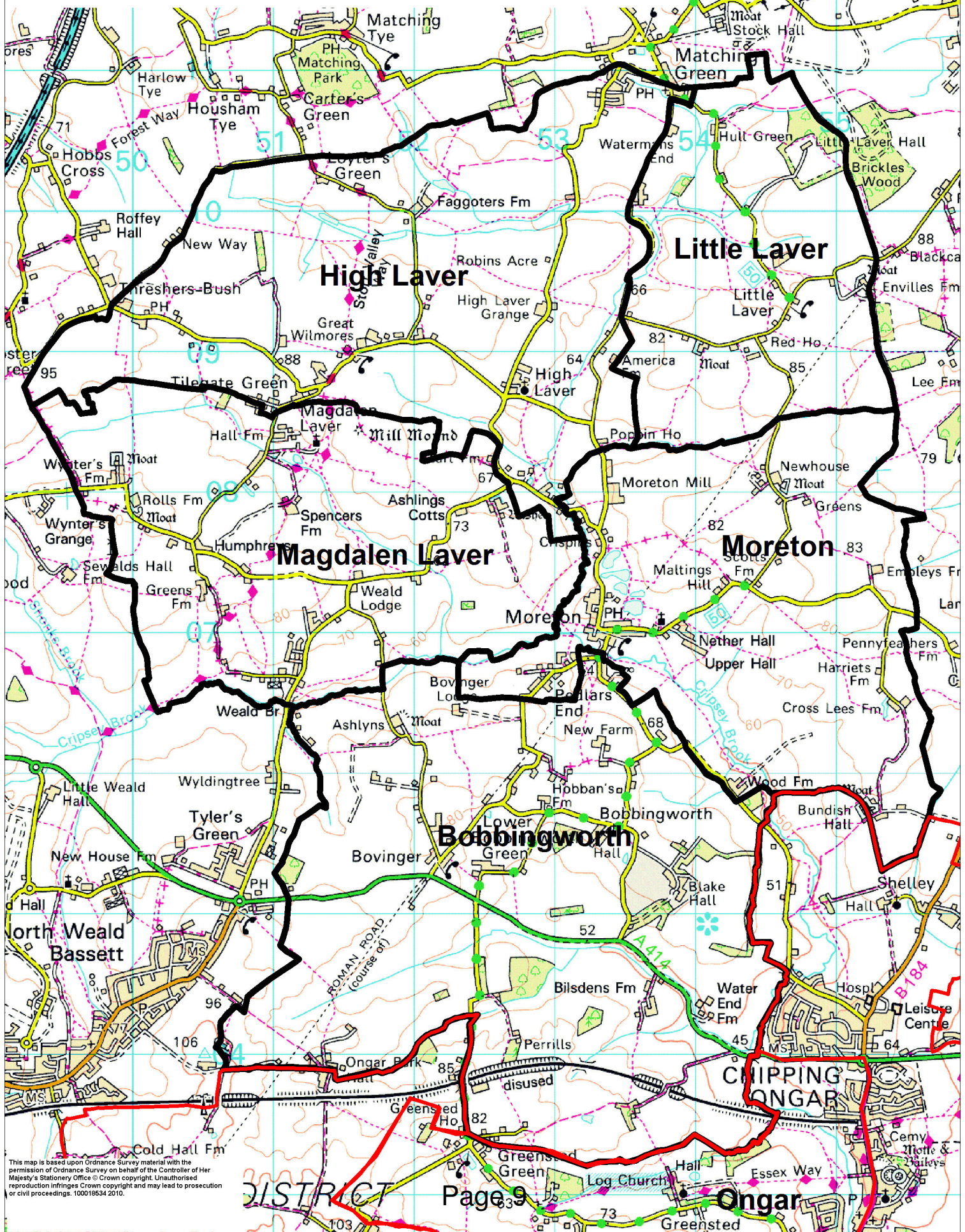
It is anticipated that the Stage 2 Consultation will involve similar costs.

Background Papers

Individual survey returns.

Community Governance Review M, B, L Parish existing wards

MAP 1



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EXISTING WARDS

Parish Ward	Electorate	Parish Councillors (Elector/Parish Councillor Ratio)
Bobbingworth	218	3 (1:72.66)
High Laver	342	4 (1:85.50)
Little Laver	70	2 (1:35.00)
Moreton	276	3 (1:92.00)
Magdalen Laver	183	2 (1:91.5)
Total	1089	14

PROPOSED WARDS

Parish Ward	Electorate	Parish Councillors (Elector/Parish Councillor Ratio)
Bobbingworth	218	3 (1:72.66)
Moreton	276	3 (1:92.00)
High Laver) Little Laver) Magdalen Laver)	595	8 (1:74.37)
Total	1089	14

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Date: 21 September 2010

APPENDIX 3

Our ref: PU/IW/JES/ER/11/5/2

Your ref:

Householders in the High Laver, Little Laver
and Magdalen Laver Wards of
The Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers
Parish Council

Ian Willett 01992 564243
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Dear Householder

**Community Governance Review – Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers (MBL)
Parish Council**

This letter is a formal consultation with electors in the parishes of High Laver, Little Laver and Magdalen Laver about a Community Governance Review affecting electoral arrangements in those parishes.

What is a Community Governance Review?

A Community Governance Review is a procedure under Section 79 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. This procedure allows the District Council to carry out a review of Community Governance arrangements in any part of its district. The procedure involves consulting members of the community who might be affected on any request for change and on the proposals to implement the results of the review.

Why is a Community Governance Review being Proposed for High Laver, Little Laver and Magdalen Laver?

The District Council has been asked by MBL Parish Council to make changes to its parish electoral warding arrangements.

This involves combining the three separate wards of High Laver, Little Laver and Magdalen Laver into a single parish ward.

Why is it being Proposed to Combine the three Lavers Wards into a Single New Ward?

The MBL Parish Council put forward three main reasons for this change as follows:

- (a) to make the ratio of electors per councillor more even not only within the three Laver Wards but also across the entire Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers Parish Council area;
- (b) to achieve savings in the administration costs for elections within the Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers Parish Council area; and

(c) to ensure that, with the changes mentioned in (a) and (b) above, the individual character of The Lavers area continues to be recognised.

How Will Combining the three Lavers Wards improve Electoral Representation?

An Appendix to this letter shows the electorate figures for each of the five parish wards in MBL Parish and, in the right hand column, the number of councillors and the number of electors per councillor.

The lower table in the Appendix shows the effect of combining the three Lavers Wards into one new Ward. As can be seen by comparing the two right hand columns, under the present warding the ratio of one councillor to electors ranges between 1:35 in Little Laver to 1:92 in Moreton. Compare this with the situation in the new wards where the ratio for The Lavers Ward is 1:74, thereby reducing the range to 1:74 to 1:92 for Moreton.

The District Council has supported the proposed amalgamation of the three Lavers Wards as it ensures that all electors in the area have more comparable access to their parish councillors.

How Will the Warding Changes Save Costs?

A cost comparison between the present five wards in Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers and the proposed three wards shows a total saving on election costs of £224 on a typical Parish Council election if it is not contested. Although this is not a large saving in financial terms, it is nevertheless significant for a rural parish like Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers. In the event that elections are held in all seats there is likely to be further savings to the Parish Council, simply through having 5 wards rather than 3.

Will the Lavers area continue to have a separate identity as a result of the three wards being combined?

The Parish Council has made representations to the District Council that the special identity of The Lavers area needs to be recognised in the warding arrangements for the parish. The District Council is persuaded that this local identity is with the Lavers Parishes together rather than with the three parishes individually. With this in mind the District Council has supported the proposal to combine the three Lavers wards in that this protects the identity of that area whilst achieving more uniform democratic representation. The Council also supports the suggested name for the new ward, namely "The Lavers".

Are there Any Other Electoral Changes being Proposed?

The current review is focused purely on the internal parish wards for MBL Parish Council. No changes are being proposed to the external boundaries of the parish or to the District Council, County Council and Parliamentary electoral boundaries. Similarly, no changes to polling stations are envisaged as the District Council considers the single new ward does not involve a change in polling arrangements.

How Will the New Lavers Parish Ward Appear on the Map?

Attached to this letter are two maps. Map 1 shows the existing warding arrangements for MBL Parish Council. Map 2 shows the proposed warding arrangements with the three Lavers Wards combined together.

What Other Matters can be covered by a Community Governance Review?

As part of this consultation, local residents are able to raise any other governance issues affecting The Lavers area. These can include electoral arrangements, creation, dissolution or grouping of parish councils.

What is the role of the District Council in Community Governance Reviews?

The 2007 Act requires the District Council to take the following steps when a review is launched:

- (a) publish a notice of the opening of the review;
- (b) invite comments from the local community and other relevant persons and organisations on the issues being covered;
- (c) consider those comments from the local community and prepare draft proposals for the review;
- (d) publish those draft proposals and invite comments from the local community;
- (e) finalise proposals after taking account of all representations received; and
- (f) make an Order bringing the changes into effect.

The District Council's principal responsibility is to have regard to the importance of securing Community Governance arrangements which reflect the identities and interests of the community and which are also effective and convenient.

What should Householders do now?

The Council would appreciate any views by 22 October 2010. Please use the pro forma, which is attached to this letter. Once all the responses have been received these will then be considered by a committee of the District Council which will reach a view on whether the Council should proceed to the second stage, which would be to publish formal proposals regarding the new warding arrangements.

What Happens Next?

Once it has formulated proposals, the District Council must then publish these for consultation purposes and consider the response. If the response is favourable, the Council will then draft a formal Order bringing the changes into effect including an implementation date and this will be publicly notified.

What is the Timescale?

The law stipulates also that the review must be completed within 12 months from the date on which the review was launched. In this case this is the year ending on 28 June 2011.

Responses

Please complete and return the response form to Ian Willett, Assistant to the Chief Executive, Epping Forest District Council, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4BZ in the return envelope provided. If you prefer to reply on line, a link to the Council's website is shown on the form.

Yours sincerely

Ian Willett
Assistant to Chief Executive

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**MORETON, BOBBINGWORTH AND THE LAVERS (MBL) PARISH COUNCIL –
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

QUESTION 1

Do you support the proposal to combine High Laver, Little Laver and Magdalen Laver parish wards into one ward to be called, "The Lavers" Ward?

YES

NO

(Please tick one box only)

QUESTION 2

Are there any other matters relating to MBL Parish Council which you wish to have considered as part of this review?

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

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YES Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers (MBL) Parish Council Community Governance Review

# as C	Comments	Address
1	No	Moreton, Ongar
2		Matching Green
3	None	Magdalen Laver
4	If this to save money, Council must go ahead	North Weald
5		High Laver, Ongar
6	No	Matching Green
7		Matching Green
8		North Weald
9		Matching Green
10		Magdalen Laver
11		High Laver Ongar
12		High Laver, Near Ongar
13		Little Laver, Ongar
14		Matching Tye
15		Matching Green
16		X
17		North Weald
18	No	Little Laver
19		High Laver Ongar
20		Matching Green
21		Watery Lane
22		Matching Green
23		High Laver, Nr Ongar
24		High Laver
25		Magdalen Laver Ongar
26		Matching
27	No. Good luck with the new boundaries	Magdalen Laver
28		Matching Tye
29	At the same time it would be a good idea to put the part of High Laver bordering Matching Green into Matching	
30	Parish Council. These residents are very neglected by Moreton and Lavers PC	High Laver, Ongar
31		Matching Green
32		Matching Green
33		Matching Green
34		Matching Green

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	Comments	Address
32		North Weald
33		Matching Green
34		High Laver Ongar
35		North Weald
36	None	Magdalen Laver
37		Matching Green
38		Matching Green
39		Matching Green
40		North Weald
41		North Weald
42	Is it possible to change boundary at Matching Green, so as the High Laver part of the village is represented by Matching Parish Council. As they are part of Matching Green Village.	Threshern Bush
43		Magdalen Laver, Ongar
44	A boundary change that enables me to vote on issues where I live, including schooling planning and transport issues.	Matching Green
45	A reconsideration of the boundaries in the future would be welcome.	Matching Green
46		Moreton, Ongar
47		High Laver Ongar
48		Matching Green
49		North Weald
50		Magdalen Laver
51		High Laver Grange, Near Ongar
52	Why is the village of Matching Green in two Parishes? Surely it would make better sense for Matching Green to be one complete parish. This would make us more united and give a true sense of belonging	Matching Green
53	An opportunity to review the total number of Councillors covering The Lavers. A greater cost saving, without detriment could be achieved if the total number of Councillors were to be reduced to 7.	Magdalen Laver
54		High Laver, Nr Ongar
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YES Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers (MBL) Parish Council Community Governance Review

Case	Comments	Address
58	Although resident then and now in the Lavers. I do think that the question of the Parish boundary between Matching and the Lavers should be considered as part of the Review. The current boundary splits off the Southern side of Matching Green into the Lavers, and this causes both administrative and 'attitude' problems for residents of Matching Green, for example: 1. Planning applications for Matching Green have to be split at District Council level into MBLPC and MPC applications and are then considered by MPC; 2. The unity of the village of Matching Green is marred by this historical anomaly; 3. The communications between the PC's and their electors in Matching Green is difficult, and as a result poor. For example there is no notice board for MBLPC anywhere near Matching Green. I understand that such a boundary revision is far more readily achievable now than when I was Parish Clerk, when such a request foundered on the complicated legislative steps that had to be taken. Now is the obvious time to correct this glaring anomaly.	Matching Green
55		Threshers Bush
56	I would like to see the whole of Matching Green in one parish. Preferable Matching Parish as it seems to one that MBL Parish Council do nothing for us. Contentious planning issues are left to MPC to object to the nearest notice board is at High Layer Cross Roads. It is just ridiculous that Matching Green is split between two parishes.	Matching Green
57		North Weald
58		Matching Green
59	I find it rather stupid that to have a village in two parishes. I have asked several people about MBLPC and apparently they do nothing very much for the village when any planning arises it is more or less left to MPC to carry out the work. I have since heard from some locals that MBLPC would not contribute to any of the kerb around the green.	
60	I think that it is ridiculous that parts of Matching Green are within the MBL Parish Council boundary. They should form part of Matching Parish Council. The residents of matching Green involved would, based on past experience, be better represented within MPC. The interests of MG residents are rarely considered by MBLPC. On commencement MBLPC does not have a parish notice board in matching green, nor can I find a website in their name. How are we supposed to know what is going on?	Matching Green
61		Magdalen Laver, Ongar
62		Matching Tye
63		Magdalen Laver, Ongar
64		Matching Green
65		Matching Tye

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YES Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers (MBL) Parish Council Community Governance Review

Case No	Comments	Address
73	Transferring the houses on the Southern side of Matching Green to Matching? This would create 3 wards in MBL of more equal numbers.	Matching Green
74	We have seen a letter proposing that Matching Green should be in one Parish. We support this proposal, in particular to support the conservation of The Green and the funding required to do this. We do however wish to remain within Epping Forest District Council	Matching Green.
75	We are in High Laver ward yet halfway down the road the postal address changes to Harlow CM171. Why are not all of The Lavers included in Ongar postcode CM5 to avoid confusion!	Threshers Bush High Laver
76		Magdalen Laver
78	Happy with proposed changes - no desire to join Matching Green Parish	Matching Green
79	DUPLICATE RESPONSE	
80		Threshers Bush
81	There is a land for sale sign for Sworders just as you are coming off the M11 to jct 7 Harlow Could it be removed as it would be worrying if it were sold and then used as a Travellers/Gypsy site as has been done on the right hand side of the M11 travelling towards Bishops Stortford Jct 8	Magdalen Laver
82	Would like to see more identity for the Matchings	Matching Green
84	Matching Green should be in one parish only silly to have a village in two	Matching Green
86	As long term residents of Matching Green we feel that anyone with a Matching address should come under Matching Parish Council. We also feel that Matching School should come under Matching Parish Council not The Lavers. We feel that would make more sense than the present situation	Matching Green
87		Matching Green
88	No. Thank you for sending this letter	Matching Green
89		Little Laver
90		High Laver
91	The 'yes' answer seem sensible in its own right however, the fact of living 50 yards from Matching Green has for the 30 + year of our residence always caused us to feel part of Matching and not the Lavers. Hence we would have greater interest in a re-drawing of the boundary to give effect to this.	Matching Green
92		High Laver
95		Magdalen Laver

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YES Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers (MBL) Parish Council Community Governance Review

Case	Comments	Address
83	<p>99</p> <p>100</p> <p>It is ridiculous that parts of Matching Green are within the MBL Parish Council boundary. they should form part of Matching Parish Council. The residents of Matching Green involved would based on past experience be better represented within mpc. The interests of my residents are rarely considered by MBL PC. On communication MBL PC does not have a parish notice board in Matching Green nor can I find a website in their name how are we supposed to know what is going on?</p>	<p>Magdalen Laver Ongar</p> <p>Matching Green</p>
84		North Weald
85		High Laver Nr Ongar
86		

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NO Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers (MBL) Parish Council Community Governance Review

Case No	Comments	Address
1		Matching Green
2		Magdalen Laver
3	Living as I do at Perryfield Matching Green I feel that my interests are rarely considered by the Parish Council. If and when the area is extended I shall have no hope of representation from the local area	Matching Green
4	I think that it is ridiculous that the Village of Matching Green is split into two parishes. I am within the MBLPC boundary but frankly don't feel represented. All issues relating to Matching Green seem to be handled to greater effect by Matching Parish Council e.g recent kerbing round the green & the problems caused by the festivities on November 5th. I strongly urge EFDC to make the necessary changes to ensure that Matching Green is represented, in its entirety, by MPC.	Matching Green Essex
5	Matching Green should not be split between MBLPC and Matching Parish Council. One village should have one Parish Council. Houses on the south of Matching Green should be in MPC	Matching Green
6	69	Matching Green
7	71 There should be 1 parish council for both Matching Tye and Matching Green. Unfortunately for the few properties that fall under MBL I feel that MPC do nothing for us. Why should Matching C of E School come under MBL Council we have no MBL Parish Council notice boards for our area to keep us informed. MBL refused to curb an area so it would be in keeping with the rest of the Green. MP Council funded it. Is that fair? What has MBL P Council done for the residents of Hull Green Colvers, Perry Fields, nothing. Please consider letting the rest of us join themanority who carefor the Green. Let us be part of the Matching Parish Council	Matching Green
8	72	xxxxxx
9	77 We do not support the combining of the three Lavers into one merged 'Lavers Ward' because this will result in the loss of identity, the loss of individual character of each of the three Lavers and their different needs and concerns. The variations in ratio of councillors to residents are rather trifling in our opinion, will never be exactly equal, and do not merit the measure proposed. The present arrangements work well enough. As the saying goes... "if it aint broke, dont fix it."	High Laver Ongar
10	83	Little Laver
11	85 My wife and I strongly believe that our property which is currently in MBLPC should in fact be in the MPC, which would promote a better sense of unity and remove the situation of the village being split into two parishes. As far as we are concerned MBLPC have done little or nothing for Matching Green residents.	Matching Green

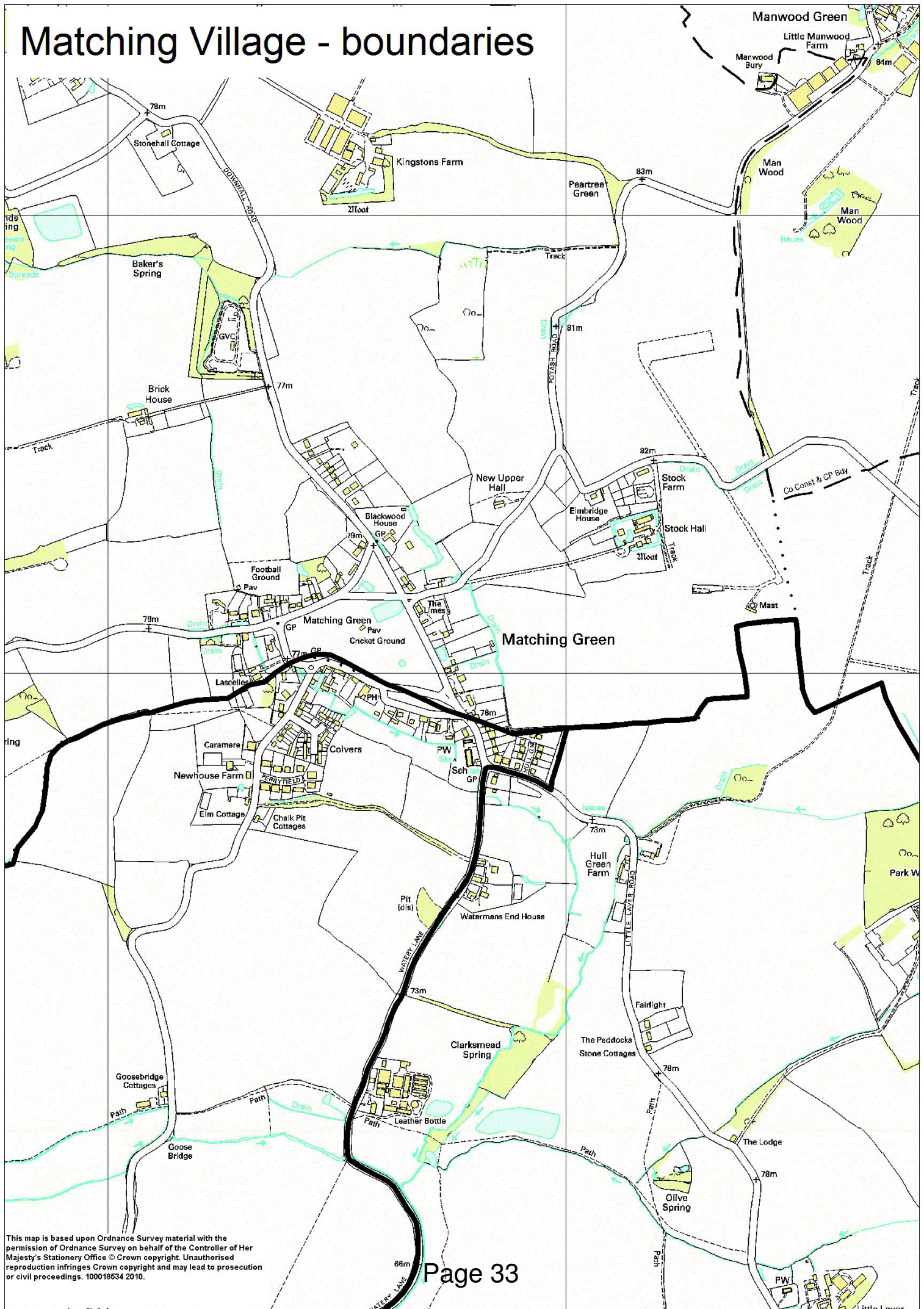
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12	93 Issues of planning and maintenance should be taken by MPC as a resident of Matching Green for 40 years I object to decisions affecting me or my property being taken elsewhere. I see no good reasons for dividing Matching Green into two Parishes it should be MPC	Matching Green
13	94 We are part of Matching Green so near to their boundary in which our interest are. No MBLCP information is available locally to where we live the nearest notice board is not accessible for some residents. Surely all of one village should be in the same PC.	Matching Green
14	96	Matching Green
15	97	High Laver
16	98 We wish to have the boundary adjusted around Matching Green so the whole of Matching Green Village is in one Parish Council not split in two Councils.	Matching Green

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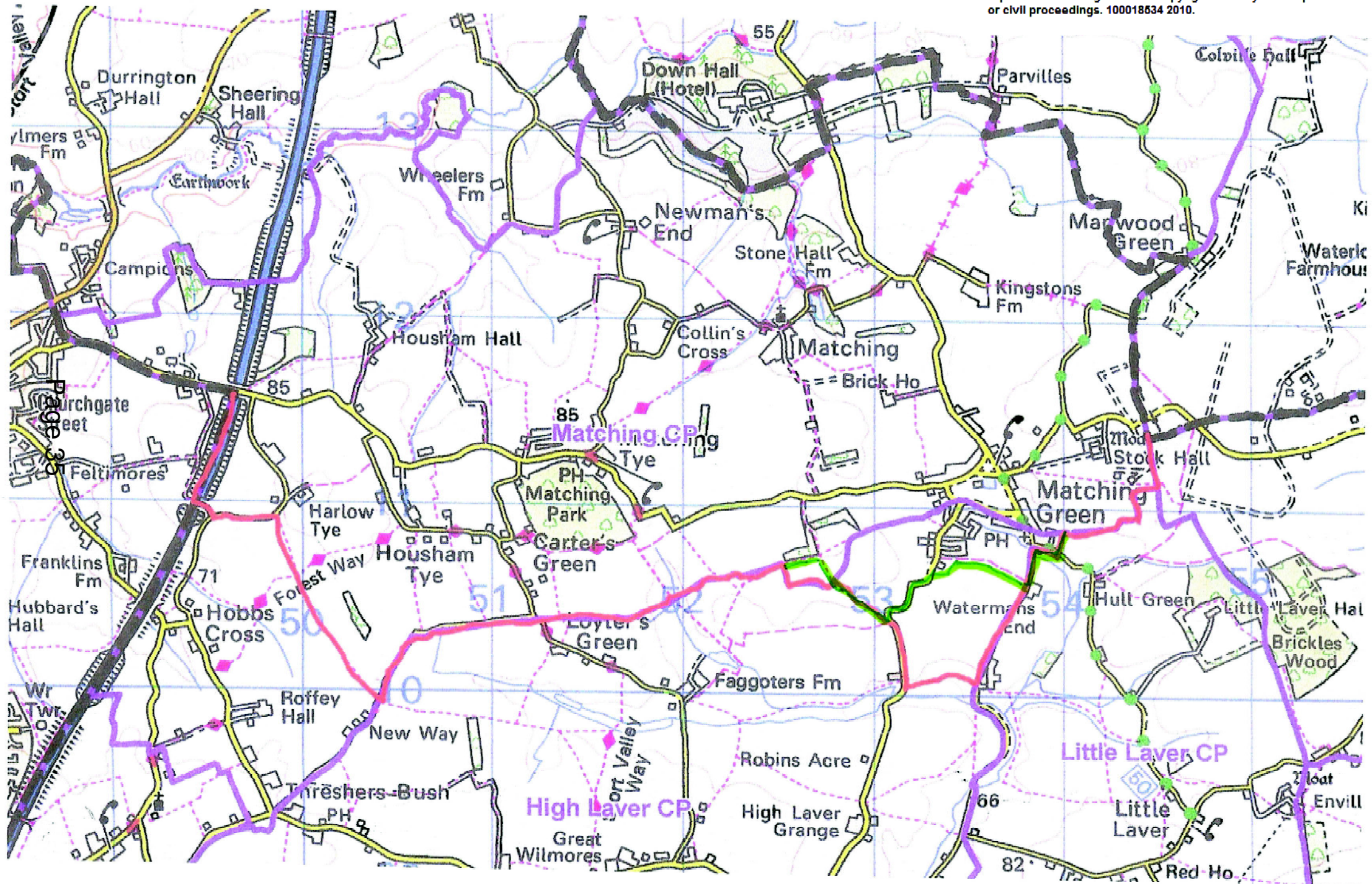
Matching Village - boundaries



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Date	Event
13.9.10	Supply Consultation Material to MBL
21.9.10	Launch Consultation (Stage 1) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - distribution to Lavers households - website - press release
22.10.10	Closing Date for Consultation (Stage 1)
w/c 15/11/10	Meeting of Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review consultation - formulate proposals for further consultation
14.12.10	Supply Consultation Material to MBL
21.12.10	Launch Consultation (Stage 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - distribution to Lavers households - website - press release
7.1.11	Closing Date for Consultation (Stage 2)
w/c 21.2.11	Meeting of Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review 2nd stage consultation - formulate final proposals
29.3.11	Report to Council
30.4.11	Formal Order Made
Deadline:	12 Months from 30.6.10

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Report to Community Governance Review Committee

Date of Meeting: 18 November 2010

Subject: Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

Officer Contact: I Willett (Assistant to the Chief Executive) (Tel 01992 564243)

Committee Secretary: P Sewell (Tel 01992 564532)

Recommendation:

That a report be submitted to the Council recommending as follows:

- (a) that the name of the Committee be changed to “Electoral and Community Governance Review Committee”;**
- (b) that the terms of reference of the Committee be extended to allow the Committee to respond to any proposed Parliamentary Constituency review Consultation if there is insufficient time to submit recommendations to the Council, all such responses to be subject to ratification at the next available Council meeting.**

Report:

1. The Government intends to embark on a review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England, although there is little information about how it will be conducted at this stage. The Boundary Commission, which will conduct the review, has to report to the Government by October 2013 in time for the General Election in May 2015.

2. Based on recent Government announcements it seems that the objective is to reduce the number of Parliamentary Constituencies in England by approximately 50. Anecdotally, it is understood that the review will give priority to electoral equality over any other local government boundaries or community links. It is also understood that the review will be conducted by examining constituencies in Cornwall and then working across the country, applying the target constituency electorate to boundaries to achieve the reduction and equality between the new constituencies. It has been said that the target electorate is 75,000 and if predictions of the “Cornwall” approach are correct, there is a possibility that even constituencies which currently have the target electorate will have to change.

3. What is unclear is the extent to which the Commission will consult Councils about changes. Assuming that there will be consultation by the Commission of the kind familiar from previous electoral reviews, it may be the case that the Commission’s response deadlines will not fit with the programme of Council meetings. Recommendation (b) seeks to address the need to meet those deadlines. This is designed to deal with situations where there may not be time to make recommendations to the Council. However, if the timescale permits, the Committee would still report to Council with recommendations. Item (b) requires a report for confirmation of the comments made if the delegated authority has been used.

4. It is also suggested that the Committee should adopt a new title to reflect the two kinds of reviews for which it is responsible.

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